

Great Moments of Faith

By RED LOCKWOOD

There are many paradoxes in human life, there are many mysteries which by their nature cannot ever be understood or solved by human beings.

One is the fact that surrender to a Power higher than one's self brings strength to a human being and with that surrender in the spirit of "Thy will be done," miracles are wrought which cannot ever be explained.

An inner faith in a moment of terrible crisis reflects an outer glow which even savages recognize and respect as an unexplained sign of the greatness of a human soul.

Such a faith endows a human being fortunate enough to find it with the strength to survive ordeals and to surmount adversities which are beyond the power of human strength alone.

Such a faith came to Mary Rowlandson on the 10th of February, 1675, when her village of Lancaster (Mass.) was destroyed by Indians.

Her narrative is much too horrible by today's standards to repeat in detail, it is enough to relate generally what happened to Mrs. Rowlandson.

SHE SURRENDERS

She survived simply because she surrendered her destiny to a Power higher than herself, a great act of faith which in turn produced a great reservoir of strength.

The moment came when Mary Rowlandson was trapped between roaring flames which were devouring her home and howling savages who waited outside the door.

Almost as soon as she emerged, a bullet passed through her side and through the body and the hand of the child she was carrying.

Others ran blindly in fear, they knew not where, and were slain. A man begged frantically and offered money in exchange for his life but the Indians merely laughed at his pleas while they bashed his head to a pulp.

Mary Rowlandson stood with her child in her arms and faced the Indians calm and serene — incarnate Madonna and Child — though her body was wracked by a painful wound and her mind was in torment from the sights of a massacre raging about her.

"The Lord hereby would make us the more to acknowledge His hand," was the way she later phrased the faith which possessed her, "and to see that our help is always in Him."

There was something in the face and presence of Mary Rowlandson which that day stayed the hands of the executioners of Lancaster who slew all in sight but she and the child in the sanctuary of her arms.

THE ORDEAL

There also was something within her which carried her through the ordeal that lay ahead.

"It is not my tongue or pen can express the sorrows of my heart and bitterness of my spirit, that I had at this departure (from the ruins of Lancaster)," she later wrote. "But God was with me in a wonderful manner, carrying me along and bearing up my spirit, that it did not quite fail."

One of the mounted Indians carried her wounded child as Mary trudged along beside the horse.

Hearing the child's cries, Mary took it in her arms. She fell only to get up and walk again. The Indians put her and child upon a horse but there was no saddle and mother and child soon toppled to the ground.

"I thought we should there have ended our days, as overcome with so many difficulties," she wrote, "but the Lord renewed by strength and carried me along."

FLOW OF STRENGTH

Somehow, perhaps it was from the reservoir of strength that flowed from the mother, the child survived eight long days of this nightmare in the wilderness.

At night, the mother sat huddled to protect the child in her arms from the snow and the cold and to let the warmth flow into the feverish little body.

"Still the Lord upheld me," Mary wrote, "and we were both alive to see the light of the next morning."

On the ninth night, the child died.

Still the mother was able to find somewhere deep within her the strength to face the bitterness of the moment when her dead child was pried from her cold and stiffened arms.

Wounded by body, tormented by mind, the Indians looked upon Mary Rowlandson with wonder.

With a humility born of being in the presence of a living miracle of faith which they could never understand, the Indians took her back to the civilization from which she came.



SEEING DOUBLE! Among the throngs attending the eight-day International Convention of Jehovah's Witnesses at the Rose Bowl are twenty sets of twins that showed up for this picture. They represent California, Arizona, Texas, Oregon and Washington. The Pul-

ciplier twins from San Gabriel, California (in front) are four months old. One of twenty murals on the perimeter of the Rose Bowl field with the words "California Welcomes You," serves as an appropriate background.

CHURCHES

Missionary to Speak at South Bay Church of God

Rev. Victor Glenn, world traveler and missionary evangelist, arrives in California this weekend and will be guest speaker Sunday morning at 11 a.m., in the pulpit of the South Bay Church of God, 17661 Yukon Avenue, according to an announcement just released by Pastor Clifford Tierney.

The Reverend Mr. Glenn is executive director of Faith Missions, Inc., with headquarters in Bedford, Indiana, and with missionary outposts in Latin America, the Near East, and East Africa.

Buddhists Set Memorial Day

Buddhist Churches of America has designated this Sunday as "Memorial Day" for the Buddhists of South Vietnam who gave their lives so that religious intolerance and injustices will be eliminated and freedom of belief will prevail.

Memorial services will be held at the fifty-five member churches throughout the United States. The solemn observance will be held before altars decorated with flowers. Candles will be lighted and incense burned continuously for twenty-four hours.

Buddhist Churches of America will again send wires of appeal to President Kennedy and to Ambassador Lodge to do whatever is in their power to bring about an early peaceful settlement.

Buddhist Churches of America has urged all churches and members to write to their congressmen and senators protesting against the use of American funds to support a government that uses violence against Buddhist monks and nuns and desecrates sacred places of worship.

Thirty American adult missionaries and their children are sponsored by Faith Missions. These American Christians are working primarily in Guatemala, Egypt, and Eritrea.

Mr. Glenn's life-giving in this missionary enterprise dates back to his birth in Egypt of missionary parents. Educated in Egypt and America, Mr. Glenn assumed the directorship of Faith Missions several years ago and has promoted its increase in activity and in extension.

Mr. Glenn broadcasts Monday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 12 noon and 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 12:30 p.m. on KGER, dial 1390.

The well-known Gospelaires Quartet who appear on the broadcast with Rev. Glenn, will be singing at the 11 a.m. service Sunday.

RABBI TO APPEAR ON 'CHURCH OF AIR'

Rabbi Jerome A. Unger, spiritual leader of Temple Menorah will appear on Church of the Air, on radio station KNX, from 8:05 a.m. to 8:35 a.m., on Sept. 15.

His sermon will be entitled "The Symphony of the Spirit." Cantor Harry Newman will be featured with the Temple Menorah Adult Choir, directed by Mrs. Fay Newman, who will present music from the High Holiday Service.

Return to Church Brings Serenity

Last Sunday a visit to Del Amo Southern Baptist Church at the corner of Ocean Ave. and W. 226th St. brought a warm reminder that in church there is at least one place in modern society where a stranger is welcomed and is made to feel comfortably at home.

The scene alone as one approached brought a feeling of peace and a keen sense of the goodness and of the beauty which fill this life of ours.

The green hills to the south accentuated the white of the church sparkling under the bright morning sun. The slender spire seemed to reach almost into the azure dome of the sky.

It perhaps seemed a very special day because the congregation was welcoming its

pastor, Daniel B. Weaver Jr. back from vacation.

The Rev. Weaver, seemed to return that feeling of appreciation in the warmth and the sincerity of his sermon, "The Greater Priesthood," in which he interpreted the priesthood of Christ to be an eternal living link between man and God.

The wonderful, talented voices of the choir, the greetings of the people, the friendliness of the pastor, the charm of the children and the young people all combined to bring to mind the mystic fact that when men and women gather in the church or synagogue of their choice a majestic force is wrought that man or woman alone cannot ever achieve.

Temple Menorah Sets Schedule for Holidays

The most important Holy Days of the Jewish Religious year begins Wednesday evening when throughout the world observant Jews get together to welcome the Religious New Year, Rosh Hashonah.

This year is 5724 according to the traditional count, dating back to the time of the creation of the world.

Rosh Hashonah, which means New Year, marks the birthday of the world.

Services of Temple Menorah of the South Bay will be held at the Temple, located at 1101 Camino Real, Redondo Beach, as follows: Rosh Hashonah, 7 and 9 p.m. Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, and children's services at 1 and 2 p.m. Thursday.

Yom Kippur will be observed Sept. 27 and 28. Kol Nidre services will be at 7 and 9 p.m. Sept. 27. Services set for Sept. 28 are as follows: 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., adult services; 1 p.m., children's services; 4 p.m. Yizkor memorial service; and 5 p.m. N'ilah closing services.

Leading the ritual will be Rabbi Jerome A. Unger, spiritual leader of Temple Menorah. Harry Newman

will serve as Cantor, leading the musical portions of the services, while Mrs. Fay Newman will accompany at the organ and direct the Temple Menorah Choir.

Harbor City Christian Reopens

Harbor City Christian School opens its doors Monday for the 1963-64 school year, with an expected enrollment this year of over 600 pupils.

Under the management of Rev. Marion Ples, principal and Miss Maybelle Snyder, vice principal, Harbor Christian School will welcome five new teachers to its staff this year, Rev. De Pretis, Rev. Keorge, Miss Cramer, Mrs. Teroy, and Mrs. Gomez.

With classes from pre-kindergarten through high school the Harbor Christian School has a teaching staff of 24.

Complete bus transportation is available.

Sermon to Be Transfigured or Disfigured

"Christ Transfigured or Disfigured" will be the sermon topic of Dr. R. Murray Jones at the First Presbyterian Church of Gardena 1957 Redondo Beach Blvd. at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Child care will be provided.

Church school will meet at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Classes will be held for nursery through sixth grade in the second session and all ages at the first session. Adult Bible class meets at 9:30 a.m. with nursery care provided.

Re-registration for church school pupils will be held Sept. 15, 22, and 29 at a table in front of the church during the church school hour. This is done each year in order to keep the rolls active.

Baptist Church Family Crusade Begins Sunday

A series of special meetings geared to youth, but designed as a family crusade, will be launched Sunday at the 9:30 Sunday school session at the first Baptist Church of Welteria.

Closing meeting will be held Friday evening at 7:30.

Monday evening will feature a free spaghetti dinner for all youth, served by the men of the church at 6:30 o'clock. The nightly Crusade programs will include a teenage clinic at 6:30 p.m., each of the following evenings, Bible contests and quizzes will add zest to each evening's program.

Gavin Dixon Smith will act as choir director for the youth choir, presenting outstanding musicians as follows on Monday evening a women's trio, on Tuesday a 16 voice chorale and Dick Smith the blind pianist, and on Friday William Burgess, tenor. John Gustafson will appear several evenings.

Ken Poure will be evangelist and director of the Accent Crusade, assisted by Pastor James W. Reid of the local church.

A cordial welcome is extended to the public to this friendly church in this unique series of meetings at Park and Newton Streets.

'Substance' to Be Topic of Sermon

Christian Science churches are presenting a Bible Lesson on "Substance" this Sunday, emphasizing that only spiritual things are really substantial.

Bible readings will open with a verse from Psalms (104:24): "O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches."

Related passages from the Christian Science textbook will include this statement: "All substance, intelligence, wisdom, being, immortality, cause, and effect belong to God" (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, p. 275).



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NARBONNE AVENUE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH—24730 Narbonne Ave. Lomita DA 4-6072 Church 8:30 a.m., 10:50 a.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

DEL AMO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH—3955 W. 226th at Ocean, Torrance. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Training Union, 4 p.m.; Worship Services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Pastor, Daniel B. Weaver, Jr. FR 8-7440 or FR 1-3925.

CATHOLIC

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH—1900 Tullia Ave. Redondo Beach. Mon signer Daniel P. Collins, Mass 7, 8, 9, 10, 11:15, 12:15. PR 9-6057.

CHURCH OF GOD

SOUTH BAY CHURCH OF GOD—17661 Yukon Ave. Phone 323-3978. Rev. C. L. Tierney, 17615 Yukon, Torrance. First morning service 8:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:40 a.m.; second morning service, 11:10 a.m.; Sunday night service, 7:30 p.m. Mid-week services, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

FOURSQUARE CHURCH

FOURSQUARE CHURCH—Corner of Arlington and Sepulveda, Telephone, DA 4-2872. Rev. and Mrs. James P. Lowen, pastors. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; group services, 6:50 p.m.; Y.P. Cadets (Defenders); Evangelistic, 7:15 p.m. Mid-week, Wednesday Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Public invited.

LUTHERAN

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH—Location on Carson St. and Plouffe Ave. in Torrance. Wm. J. Rolander, pastor. Residence, 1625 Flower Ave. Phone FA 8-3249. Phillip C. Hiller, Assoc. Pastor, 477-7710. Church office, 1725 Flower Ave. FA 8-4181. First Church worship 8 a.m., Sunday school 9:45 a.m., mid 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m. morning worship 10:45 a.m. Christian Elementary, Kindergarten thru 7th grade.

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NEW MINISTER of the Pacific Unitarian Church, which is about to enter the building phase of its program here, is Al Hendrickson, who will deliver his first sermon Sunday at Miraleste School, Palos Verdes Estates. A native of Boston, Mass, Hendrickson comes here from Corpus Christi, Tex.

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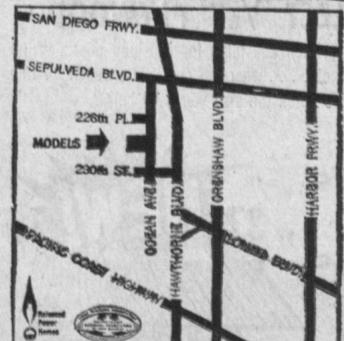
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